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CLAIMS

What is claimed:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating a transaction with a person listening to transmitted audible content while operating an electronic request device, comprising:

detecting an electronic request transmitted from said request device, transmission initiated by said person listening to content represented by an audio signal received at a location of said person from a remote source, said request including at least a portion of said content and indicating said person's desire to obtain a deliverable related to said content;

matching said content to said deliverable to identify said deliverable in response to said request; and

~~monitoring the transmission between the request device and the remote source to ensure complete transmission of the electronic request; and~~

providing said deliverable to said person.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said providing step includes receiving payment from said person in exchange for providing said deliverable.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said detecting step is performed at a location remote from said location of said person.

4. (Original) A method for conducting a transaction with a person listening to transmitted audible content while operating an electronic request device, comprising:

obtaining profile information from a person including an identification element, said profile information stored at a host site remote from said person;

said person initiating recording in said device of a sample of audible content to which said person is listening;

said person initiating transmission of a request from said device to said host site, said request including an electronic representation of said sample and an identifier identifying said

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user and matching said identification element, said requesting indicating said person's desire to obtain a deliverable related to said content;

identifying said deliverable by analyzing said content in response receipt of said electronic representation of said sample; and
delivering said deliverable to said person.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein said step of said person initiating transmission of said request comprises initiating transmitting said request via a data communication link.

6. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein said step of delivering said deliverable to said person comprises transmitting said deliverable to said person via a data communication link.

7. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of notifying said consumer of a processing status of said request.

8. (Currently Amended) A system for conducting a transaction between a person and a remote service, comprising:

an electronic device operable by said person, comprising:

an audio input receiving a signal representing content audible to said person;
a request initiator operable by said person to initiate a request for a deliverable relating to said content, wherein said request includes at least a portion of said content;
a sampler sampling said signal in response to initiation of said request by said person;

a transmitter transmitting said request to said remote service in response to initiation of said request by said person;

said remote service at a location remote from said person comprising:

a detector detecting said request;
a matcher matching said content to said deliverable to identify said deliverable in response to said request; and

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~~a transmission monitor for monitoring the transmission from the transmitter to ensure complete transmission of the request from the request initiator to the remote service; and~~

a deliverable controller controlling delivery of said deliverable to said person.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein said device comprises:
- a housing;
 - a microphone for recording audio;
 - a request input accessible to said person on said housing;
 - a wireless modem circuit integral to said housing for communicating with a network;
 - a processor programmed to include:
 - a sampling task continuously directing recording of the audio on a first-in-first-out (FIFO) basis, providing a continually updated fixed interval of audio recording;
 - a request handling task ascertaining a readiness state for a purchase request by interacting with said sampling task in response to activation of said request input, said request handling task moving sampling data into a transaction queue to transmit a consumer request; and
 - a buy task continuously awaiting creation of a transaction queue record and, finding said record, initiating a remote connection to said processor host service and creating a communication record including request data and said recorded signal sample.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein said device further comprises:
- a clock circuit;
 - a radio receiver; and

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wherein said processor scans a predetermined range of broadcast frequencies and compares said signals from sampling task to signals received by said radio receiver to determine and fix a match between them.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10 wherein said device further comprises:

- a battery-operated power supply;
- a visible indicator indicating a state of readiness of said device to accept said request;
- a speaker integral to said housing for emitting tones indicating the status of said consumer's request; and

said tuning task adjusts said indicator to indicate a status of said match.

12. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein said service comprises:

- a tracking module storing, searching and retrieving profile information about said person and said device, pending and completed request transactions and sources for said requests;
- an identification module identifying said request;
- a shopping module obtaining a deliverable fulfilling said request for said person; and
- a delivery module controlling delivery of said deliverable to said person.

13. (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein said service maintains a database for storing, searching and retrieving profile information about said person and said device, broadcast station programming, pending and completed request transactions and sources for said requests.

14. (Original) The system of claim 8 wherein said service has a notification module that initiates transmission of an indication of a status of said request to said person.

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15. (New) A method for facilitating a transaction, the method comprising the steps of:
recording a sample of audible content from a transmission;
creating a request for a deliverable related to the transmission, wherein the request includes a representation of the sample; and
transmitting the request to a remote site, wherein the remote site initiates determination of the deliverable using the representation.
16. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the representation includes at least a portion of the sample.
17. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the representation includes a digital hash generated using the sample.
18. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of determining the deliverable using a broadcast schedule.
19. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of determining the deliverable by comparing the representation with content in a database.
20. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of determining the deliverable by manual review.